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Thus, claim 10 because it employs the same catalyst composition as claim 1 does have the same special technical feature as in claim 1. Claims 1 and 10 are therefore linked by the same inventive concept. Consequently, there is no lack of unity between claims 1-9 and claims 10-11. It is also to be noted that a lack of unity objection in respect of the same claims was not raised by the PCT Examining Authority.

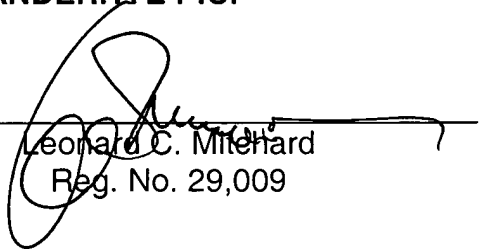
Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of claims 1-11 on the merits are respectfully requested.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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